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Dr. Vicki Balentine, President Arizona State Board of Education 1535 West Jefferson, Bin 11 Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Dr. Balentine:

Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §15-213(A) requires the Arizona State Board of Education to adopt procurement rules for school districts. This statute also requires my Office to review and approve these rules.

We have reviewed the Arizona State Board of Education's proposed change to Arizona Administrative Code (AAC) R7-2-1002, which would increase the competitive purchasing threshold to \$50,000.

For consistency with A.R.S. §§15-271 and 41-2535, the last sentence of AAC R7-2-1002(A) should be modified to read (changes emphasized):

Procurements for amounts not exceeding \$50,000 shall comply with guidelines prescribed by the Auditor General in the Uniform System of Financial Records pursuant to A.R.S. §15-271(C).

Unless there is any further change to AAC R7-2-1002 prior to rule adoption, this concludes our review.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please call Michael Stelpstra, Accounting Services Manager, at (602) 553-0333.

Sincerely,

Debbie Davenport

Auditor General

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The Honorable Tom Horne, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Mr. Vince Yanez, Executive Director

Arizona State Board of Education

Ms. Vicki G. Salazar, Associate Superintendent for Business and Finance Arizona Department of Education